

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Before paragraph [0001] insert as a heading:

Field of the Invention

Before paragraph [0004] insert as a heading:

Background

Before paragraph [0006] insert as a heading:

Summary of the Invention

Replace paragraph [0008] with:

In one ~~possible~~ embodiment of the invention, the device includes two blades having respective planar lateral portions that are parallel to each other, these portions extending from the lower face along planes perpendicular to ~~said the face, said the~~ planes defining the ~~perpendicular~~, longitudinal direction of movement of the device over the free surface.

Replace paragraph [0009] with:

Advantageously, ~~said the~~ lateral portions of the blades have elongated shapes and extend obliquely from the lower face, on a longitudinal rear side of ~~said the~~ face.

Replace paragraph [0015] with:

For example, the device includes a T guide, ~~equipped with~~ having a longitudinal profile ~~having with~~ a right-angled cross section and a crossbar integral with the profile, the base comprising removable means ~~of for~~ fastening to the rod₁ with an adjustable transverse distance in relation to the profile.

Before paragraph [0017] insert as a heading:

Brief Description of the Drawing Figures

Before paragraph [0024] insert as a heading:

Detailed Description

Replace paragraph [0028] with:

The device aims to create feedthroughs 3, which are grooves having a rectangular cross section in a plane perpendicular to the longitudinal direction in which ~~said the~~ groove runs. These grooves are open at the free surface 11 and are delimited by two opposing lateral walls 31 and a bottom 32, as shown in Figure 6.

Replace paragraph [0032] with:

These portions 41 extend from the lower face 21 along planes that are perpendicular to ~~said the~~ face, and that make it possible to cut out the lateral walls 31 of the feedthrough 3.

Replace paragraph [0039] with:

The blades 40 also each have a free end 42 bent toward the other blade 40, extending the lateral portion 41 by way of the short edge opposite the lower face 21. This free end ~~412~~ 42 runs along a plane parallel to the lower face 21.

Replace paragraph [0042] with:

The leading edge 422 runs rearward from the short edge 411. It is sharp and forms the cutting edge of the free end 42 of the blade 40. It runs over more than half the transverse distance between the lateral portions 41 of the two blades, ~~said the~~ distance defining the transverse width of the feedthrough 3.

Replace paragraph [0048] with:

This upper portion 43 includes a connecting portion 431 integral with ~~said the~~ short edge 411 and running substantially parallel to the lower face 21, and a fastening

portion 432 running substantially perpendicular to the connecting portion 431 and becoming housed between the two vertical plates 222.

Replace paragraph [0009] with:

The blades 40 are thereby fastened onto the base 20 so as to be readily removable. To remove them, it suffices to loosen the bolts 23 slightly in order to separate the vertical plates 222, and to move the fastening portions 433 so as to slide the ~~bolt~~ bolts out of the openings 433 and along the cut-outs 434 up to the free edges of the fastening portions 432.

Replace paragraph [0056] with:

The brackets 22 each include an arm 223 extending longitudinally forward from the vertical plates 222, and constituting fastening flanges for the first segment 31 of the handle 30. A U-shaped piece 224 straddles the two flanges 223. Its two arms run parallel to the two flanges, on an exterior side thereof. The handle is welded onto the flanges and onto the U-shaped piece, ~~said the~~ the piece also being welded onto the flanges.

Replace paragraph [0057] with:

Finally, the cutting device 2 includes a guide T 50, ~~equipped with~~ having a longitudinal profile 51 ~~having with~~ with an angle bracket cross section and a crossbar 52 integral with the profile, the base 20 including detachable means 24 of fastening onto the crossbar 52 with an adjustable transverse distance from the profile 51.

Replace paragraph [0061] with:

The removable fastening means 24 include a stirrup bracket 241 protruding from the surface of one of the horizontal plates 221 and into which the crossbar 52 ~~is slid~~ slides, and a locking screw 242 inserted into an opening of the stirrup bracket 241 and making it possible to press the crossbar against the horizontal plate in order to block its translational movement.

Replace paragraph [0068] with:

Next, the entire cutting device is pulled along longitudinally by the handle 30 in order to move ~~said~~ the device across the entire sheet. The blades cut out the insulation in order to create the feedthrough, while the cut-out strip of insulation exits the feedthrough 3 naturally under the action of the turned-up rear edges 421 of the blades, as shown in Figure 2.

Replace paragraph [0070] with:

In this case, the handle 30 is not welded onto the base 20, but hinge-mounted onto it around a transverse pivot axis connection. It then holds a bolt plate, for example, which runs against one of the vertical plates 222 out of which is cut an arc-shaped slot centered on the transverse axis. ~~Said~~ The vertical plate 222 holds a screw engaged in the slot, while a nut enables the bolt plate to be locked into the desired angular position.

Replace paragraph [0072] with:

It is very ergonomic, and enables a user to easily ~~cutting-out~~ cut a feedthrough into a sheet of insulation without the user bending down or tiring.